

**Listing of the Claims:**

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

- 1    1. (Currently Amended) An electronic circuit for cryptographic processing,
- 2    ~~having a set of combinatorial logical circuits, the set of combinatorial logical~~
- 3    ~~circuits comprising;~~
- 4        a first combinatorial logical circuit, having an input, arranged to
- 5        perform a first set of logical operations on input data at the input and to
- 6        produce a corresponding output data, the output data having a given
- 7        functional relation to the input data, and characterized in that the set of
- 8        ~~combinatorial logical circuits further comprises at least~~
- 9        a second combinatorial logical circuit, having an input, arranged to
- 10      perform a second set of logical operations on ~~the same~~ input data at said input
- 11      and to produce output data, the output data having a an identical functional
- 12      relation to the input data identical to the given functional relation,
- 13        wherein the first set of logical operations is different from the second set
- 14      of logical operations, and
- 15        a selector for receiving a given input data and wherein the electronic
- 16        ~~circuit is arranged to dynamically selecting from among the first one~~
- 17        combinatorial logical circuit and the second combinatorial logical circuit of the

18 set of combinatorial logical circuits for performing logical operations on the  
19 given the input data and producing output data, and  
20 wherein the selecting includes inputting the given input data to the  
21 input of the selected one of the first and second combinatorial logical  
22 circuits and outputting a selected output, the selected output being the  
23 output of the selected one of the first and second combinatorial logical  
24 circuits.

1 2. ( Currently Amended) The An electronic circuit according to claim 1, further  
2 comprising:  
3 a third combinatorial logical circuit, having an input, arranged to  
4 perform a third set of logical operations on an input data at said input and to  
5 produce a corresponding output data, the output data having a given  
6 functional relation to said input data, and  
7 a fourth combinatorial logical circuit, having an input, arranged to  
8 perform a fourth set of logical operations on an input data at said input and to  
9 produce a corresponding output data, the output data having a functional  
10 relation to said input data identical to said given functional relation,  
11 wherein the third set of logical operations is different from the fourth  
12 set of logical operations, and  
13 a selector for receiving said selected output data and dynamically  
14 selecting from among the third combinatorial logical circuit and the fourth

15    combinatorial logical circuit for performing logical operations on the selected  
16    output data and producing a second output data, and  
17        wherein said selecting includes inputting the selected output data to the  
18    input of the selected one of the third and fourth combinatorial logical circuits  
19    comprising at least a first set of combinatorial logical circuits and a second  
20    set of combinatorial logical circuits, and arranged to use output data  
21    produced by the first set of combinatorial logical circuits as input data of  
22    the second set of combinatorial logical circuits.

1    3. (Currently Amended) The An electronic circuit of according to claim 1,  
2    wherein the selector comprises further comprising:  
3    [[-]]    a selection circuit arranged for generating a signal to select one  
4    combinatorial logical circuit of the set of combinatorial logical circuits,  
5    [[-]]    a splitter circuit arranged for inputting the given input data to one of  
6    the first and second combinatorial logical circuit of the set of combinatorial  
7    logical circuits, depending on the signal,  
8    [[-]]    a merger circuit arranged for outputting data from one of the first  
9    and second combinatorial logical circuit of the set of combinatorial logical  
10   circuits, depending on the signal.

1    4. (Currently Amended) The An electronic circuit of according to claim 3,  
2    further comprising a timing circuit arranged to determine the points in  
3    time at which the selection circuit generates the signal to select one of the

4        first and second combinatorial logical combinatorial logical ~~circuit of the set~~  
5        ~~of combinatorial logical circuits.~~

1        5. (Currently Amended) An electronic circuit for cryptographic processing,  
2        comprising:

3        [[-]]      a combinatorial logical circuit arranged to perform logical operations on  
4        input data and to produce an output data,

5        [[-]]      a storage circuit element for storing the output data produced by the  
6        combinatorial logical circuit, ~~characterized in that~~

7                wherein the storage electronic circuit further comprises  
8                a first set of ~~an~~ encoding means for encoding the output data into a first  
9        encoded output data.

10                a storage element for retrievably storing the first encoded output data,

11                a corresponding first decoding means, arranged for ~~encoding~~ output

12                ~~data before storing the first output data in the storage element and decoding~~

13                the first encoded output data into said output data after retrieving the first

14                encoded output data from the storage element, respectively, and

15                wherein the electronic circuit is arranged to dynamically control the

16                activation of the first set of an encoding means and the [[a]] corresponding

17                first decoding means.

1        6. (Currently Amended) The ~~An~~ electronic circuit of according to claim 5,  
2        wherein the storage circuit further comprises comprising:

3           a second set of ~~an~~ encoding means for encoding the output data into a  
4   second encoded output data for storing in the storage element,

5           a corresponding second decoding means, arranged for ~~encoding~~ output  
6   data ~~before~~ ~~storing the first output data in the storage element and decoding~~  
7   the second encoded output data into said output data after retrieving the  
8   second encoded output data from the storage element, respectively,

9           wherein the encoding of the first output data is different from the  
10   encoding of the second output data, and

11           wherein the electronic circuit is further arranged to dynamically  
12   select from among the first one set of ~~an~~ encoding means and its [[a]]  
13   corresponding first decoding means and the second set of ~~an~~ encoding  
14   means and its [[a]] corresponding second decoding means, for encoding and  
15   decoding of the output data.

1   7. (Currently Amended) The An electronic circuit of according to claim 6,  
2   further comprising a timing circuit ~~arranged~~ to determine the points in  
3   time at which the electronic circuit selects one from among the first and  
4   second set of encoding means and corresponding first and second decoding  
5   means, ~~of a set comprising at least the first set of an encoding means and a~~  
6   ~~corresponding decoding means and the second set of encoding means and a~~  
7   ~~corresponding decoding means..~~

1       8. (Currently Amended ) The An electronic circuit of according to claim 5,  
2       wherein the combinatorial logical circuit comprises:  
3                a first combinatorial logical circuit, having an input, arranged to  
4       perform a first set of logical operations on input data at the input and to  
5       produce a corresponding output data, the output data having a given  
6       functional relation to the input data, and characterized in that the set of  
7       combinatorial logical circuits further comprises at least  
8                a second combinatorial logical circuit, having an input, arranged to  
9       perform a second set of logical operations on the same input data at said input  
10      and to produce output data, the output data having a an identical functional  
11      relation to the input data identical to the given functional relation,  
12                wherein the first set of logical operations is different from the second set  
13      of logical operations, and  
14                a selector for receiving a given input data and wherein the electronic  
15      circuit is arranged to dynamically selecting from among the first one  
16      combinatorial logical circuit and the second combinatorial logical circuit of the  
17      set of combinatorial logical circuits for performing logical operations on the  
18      given the input data and producing output data, and  
19                wherein the selecting includes inputting the given input data to the  
20      input of the selected one of the first and second combinatorial logical circuits  
21      and outputting a selected output, the selected output being the output of the  
22      selected one of the first and second combinatorial logical circuits.

## 9. (Canceled)

- 1    10. (Currently Amended) A method of processing cryptographic data,  
2    comprising:  
3    [[-]]    using a set of logical operations for processing input data and producing  
4    output data,  
5    [[-]]    storing the output data in a storage element, wherein the storing  
6    characterized in that the method further comprises:  
7    [[-]]    encoding the output data into an encoded output data before  
8    storing the output data in the storage element,  
9               storing the encoded output data in the storage element,  
10              retrieving the encoded output data from the storage element,  
11    [[-]]    decoding the encoded output data retrieved after retrieving from  
12    the storage element, and  
13              dynamically controlling the encoding of the output data into an  
14              encoded output data and the corresponding decoding of the encoded  
15              output data retrieved from the storage element.
- 1    11. (Previously Presented) A cryptographic device comprising an electronic  
2    circuit according to claim 1.
- 1    12. (New) The electronic circuit of claim 1, wherein the selector includes:

2           a first mask circuit for selectively masking and not masking, based on  
3       the signal, the given input data for input to the first combinatorial logical  
4       circuit, and

5           a second mask circuit for selectively masking and not masking, based  
6       on the signal, the given input data for input to the second combinatorial  
7       logical circuit.

1       13. (New) The electronic circuit of claim 8, wherein the selector includes:

2           a first mask circuit to selectively mask and not mask, based on the  
3       signal, the given input data and to input the selected masked and not masked  
4       given input data to the first combinatorial logical circuit, and

5           a second mask circuit to selectively mask and not mask, based on the  
6       signal, to input the selected masked and not masked given input data to the  
7       second combinatorial logical circuit.

1       14. (New) The electronic circuit of claim 13,

2           wherein the first mask circuit includes an AND mask configured to  
3       mask and to not mask the given input data by inputting to the first  
4       combinatorial logical circuit a selection between all zeros and the given input  
5       data, respectively and

6           wherein the second mask circuit includes an AND mask configured  
7       to mask and to not mask the given input data by inputting to the second

8 combinatorial logical circuit a selection between all zeros and the given  
9 input data, respectively.

1 15. (New) The electronic circuit of claim 1, wherein the selector includes an  
2 OR merger circuit to receive the output of the first combinatorial logical  
3 circuit and to receive the output of the second combinatorial logic circuit,  
4 and to output, as the selected output, a logical OR of the output of the first  
5 combinatorial logical circuit and the output of the second combinatorial  
6 logic circuit.

1 16. (New) A method of processing cryptographic data, comprising:  
2 generating a mode signal having one of a given plurality of states;  
3 receiving a given input data and generating a cryptographic processed  
4 data output, said generating including:  
5 generating a first input data, wherein the first input data is a  
6 selected one of a mask of the given input data and a not mask of the  
7 given data, the selection based on the state of the mode signal;  
8 generating a second input data, wherein the second input data is  
9 the other of the mask of the given input data and the not mask of the  
10 given data,  
11 performing a first set of logical operations on the first input data  
12 to generate a first output data, the first set of logical operations  
13 embodying a given input-output function,

14                 performing a second set of logical operations on the second input  
15                 data to generate a second output data, the second set of logical  
16                 operations being different than the first set of logical operations and the  
17                 second set of logical operations embodying the same given input-output  
18                 function, and

19                 merging the first output data and the second output data to  
20                 generate the cryptographic data output;

21                 repeating said generating a mode signal to have a different one of the  
22                 given plurality of states; and

23                 repeating said receiving a given input data and generating a  
24                 cryptographic processed data output.